

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on March 28, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: SB 55, SB 73, SB 285 & SJ 19

00:01:14 Recess
00:00:03 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

00:00:06 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 55 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:00:55 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 55 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh64a01)

Discussion:

00:01:11 Vice Chair Staffanson
00:01:46 Rep. Bachmeier
00:02:21 Vice Chair Staffanson

00:02:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:03:00 Rep. Hamilton joins meeting

00:04:09 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **SB 55 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh64a02)

Discussion:

00:04:19 Rep. Bennett

00:05:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harris, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Redfield, Rep. W. Sales, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:06:43 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **SB 55 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh64a03)

Discussion:

00:06:56 Rep. Olsen
00:08:00 Chair Redfield
00:08:15 Rep. Olsen

00:09:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:10:20 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 55 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:10:32 Rep. Webb
00:10:54 Rep. Bennett
00:11:27 Rep. Webb

00:12:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bennett moved that **SB 55 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:12:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 55 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 18-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Harris, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73

00:14:01 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 73 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:14:16 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh64a04\)](#)

Discussion:

00:14:42 Rep. McKamey
00:14:55 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
00:16:06 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

00:16:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:17:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 73 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Beard will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 285

00:18:05 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 285 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:19:10 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 285 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh64a05\)](#)

Discussion:

00:19:32 Jason Mohr, LSD
00:20:25 Rep. McKamey

00:20:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 22-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett voting no. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:21:08 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **SB 285 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh64a06\)](#)

Discussion:

00:21:21 Rep. Olsen
00:22:07 Rep. McKamey
00:22:43 Rep. Bennett
00:23:22 Rep. Hamilton
00:23:40 Rep. Curdy
00:23:54 Rep. Lenz

00:24:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:25:36 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **SB 285 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh64a07)

Discussion:

00:26:06 Rep. Olsen
00:27:54 Jason Mohr, LSD
00:28:41 Rep. Olsen
00:28:52 Rep. Funk
00:29:55 Chair Redfield
00:30:35 Rep. Funk
00:30:49 Chair Redfield
00:31:02 Rep. McKamey
00:31:49 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:32:32 Rep. McKamey
00:32:52 Krista Lee Evans
00:33:29 Rep. Webb

00:33:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-16 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:34:59 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 285 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:35:08 Rep. Olsen
00:36:06 Rep. McKamey
00:36:39 Chair Redfield

00:37:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 22-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Staffanson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 19

00:38:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **SB 19 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Perry and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Lenz will carry the bill.

00:39:23 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:40:23

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh64aad.pdf](#))